

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

January 2007



Adult Volunteers Needed to Investigate Possible 4-H/Boy Scout Adventure Program

Montana 4-H and area Boy Scout Leaders are considering a collaborative project focusing on outdoor adventures for teens 14 years old and older. The project could include activities such as canoeing, backpacking, horseback pack trips, winter camping, rock climbing, white water sports, and cave exploring. The co-ed program is designed to help youth discover their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities while building self-confidence and positive self-image. Participants will also learn skills for coping with life's stresses.

The very nature of the project requires the establishment of concentrated adult volunteer training. The Michigan 4-H program has labeled their outdoor adventure project "4-H Challenge", while the Boy Scouts call their program "Venturing". Both organizations currently have training programs and a collaborative team of interested volunteers must be formed to pool all current resources into a single training program.

We are looking for mature and responsible men and women who like working with young people, enjoy outdoor experiences, and are enthusiastic, personable and open to new and different experiences. Do you fit? If so, please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213. Help us create this potentially exciting project for teens!



Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Cloverbud Club in Bozeman

Our next meeting will be **TUESDAY, Jan. 16th**. We will meet at **HOME DEPOT**, inside the north main entrance at **6:00pm**. In the past, they have had everything set up for us. There should be a variety of woodworking projects that the kids can choose from like birdhouses, planter boxes, and small benches. They also might have some new things this time. The finished projects are an easy way to get something done right away for fair and the kids love to piece everything together and hammer away.

We had a lot of fun at the bowling party in December and maybe we can have another bowling get-together near the end of the 4-H year. For those of you that didn't make it, we have small cookbooks that we put together and I will bring those to the next meeting.

Our February meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday the 20th. I've been talking to an old co-worker of mine to see if he will come give a talk on wildlife. He should have some interesting things to talk about and show us!

The March meeting will be the third Tuesday as well, the 20th. The MSU Collegiate 4-H club is considering running one of our meetings but I don't know which one. We'll have more info once school starts up again.

If any of you have any meeting ideas or suggestions, please let one of the leaders know. We'd love to hear your thoughts on our Cloverbud club. I will also be better at getting the word out earlier on future meetings. As always, if you have any questions, just give a call.

From all of us, have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year!

Megan Wick, 581-2392, Dom Duchesneau, 579-7047, Keri Peterson, 480-2849, Carlie Widhalm, 490-3343
Sarah Larsen, 460-2761

Beef

Beef weigh-in will be Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Gallatin Beef Producers scale north of the airport in Belgrade. We will NOT be weighing after 1:00 pm, DON'T BE LATE!!!!!! If you can't make it on Saturday, call either JD at 539-0404 or Lexi at 321-1542 **before Saturday** to make other arrangements.



Crocheting, Knitting & Embroidery

Our meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the basement of Valley Bank of Belgrade. At our January meeting, we will be learning and practicing your stitches. Be sure to bring your needles, hooks, scissors, yarn (remember I do have donated yarn for you to use too), fabric, hoops, floss, and any other tool you think will be helpful. PLEASE BRING YOUR SIGNED AND DATED CONTRACTS WITH YOU!!!! THEY MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR, YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND MYSELF TO BE VALID. (Even if you are 18 years old, I need a parent or guardian's signature for liability purposes!) These contracts are there to protect YOU!! One of the ways they do that is not allowing someone who did not attend the required number of meetings beat your entry at Fair. Hope to see you there!



Dog Obedience to Begin in February

The Dog Obedience Project will begin on Tuesday, February 20th in Building #3 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and led by new leader Shannon Ford. Later days include March 20th, April 10th, May 15th, and June 19th. Watch for the February newsletter for further details concerning the first workshop. As Fair approaches, more workshop dates may be scheduled than indicated above.



Horse

Horse Committee Members: Shannon Brooks, 388-0886; Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Barb Barber 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624; Edie Baker, 285-3657.



The next Horse Committee Meeting is Monday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kountry Korner Café at Four Corners.

Clinics:

January 6: Western Clinic Levels 1-3 with Katie Cooper at the Fairgrounds. Call Amy Lewis to pre-register at 580-6693 by January 1st. There is a \$5.00 fee per rider.

January 27: English Only ~ Levels 1-3 with Julia Hughes and Levels 4 & up with Amy Morgan at the Fairgrounds. Call Misty Radue to pre-register at 388-6655 by January 22nd.

C2M: There will be no meeting for the month of January. Watch your newsletter for February.

Ranch Horse: Watch your newsletter, we hope Rod Cline is doing well!

Photography

Next photography meeting will be Thursday, January 18 at the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. 6:00 for beginners and 7:00 for advanced. Bring all photos from past assignments. Call Kathy at 388-3159 if you have any questions.



Poultry

Due to the January holiday we will have our meeting on Monday, January 8th instead of the 1st. Same time and place. Rockin' Roosters 6:00 and Poultry at 7:00 in the basement of Valley Bank. Bring all of your workbooks as we will get started on those along with some poultry fun. Call if you have questions. Betsy - 388-7578 or Sandra - 388-6906. Happy Holidays!!



Rabbit

January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m. at Kelley Phipps' house. We will be learning how to pick a meat pen. Sarah Phipps will provide the rabbits and we will judge them. Contact Kelley at 599-1454 if you have questions or need directions.



Sheep

It isn't too early to start thinking about your lamb project. For those of you that would like to do a market project, take a look at the sheep project. It is one of the only large animal project in which you really only have your animal for about 100 days. It costs around \$60.00 to finish one lamb. We have several breeders in the valley that you can purchase your lamb from for around \$100.00. So this is a project that you can keep affordable if you choose. Also you need only three workshops. Our workshops will start up in February. Hopefully we will have two that month, one to welcome everyone to the new year and get contracts handed out and the second will be at Dr Bruce's. He will be going over the health of a lamb, and showing the parts. We are looking forward to another great year, Sheep Committee: Kim, Meg, Robbie I. Nancy, Sally



Shooting Sports

Air rifle, air pistol and archery will restart Sunday, January 7th at Yellowstone Gateway Sports at either 5:00 to 6:00, 6:00 to 7:00, or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. 3D Archery will begin January 14th at 3:00 PM and will skip Superbowl Sunday, February 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ott at 209-2599.



4-H Skateboarding to Start in January

The 4-H Skateboarding Project will get underway at 6:30 p.m. on January 10th in Building #3 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Meetings will continue every Wednesday evening through April 11th. Bring (and wear) your helmet and be prepared to help set up and take down. Older youth are highly encouraged to mentor younger members. Call the Gallatin County 4-H office at 388-3213 with questions.



Vet Science

Vet Science meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. Vet Science will be held at Double Diamond Vet at 3801 Riata Rd. If you have any questions, please call Shawna at 539-0895.



Wildlife

Next meeting is Thursday, January 11th at 6:30. We will make track kits, call coyotes and look at the backpacks we created. As of the printing of this newsletter, location has not been decided yet. Please contact Brenda Townsend at 284-6434 for more details.



Woodworking

The first workshop for woodworking is scheduled for the second Saturday in January (January 13th). The workshop will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 at Rocky Mountain Furniture Shop. They are located across from Murdoch's, behind the strip mall. This workshop will cover orientation of the project, safety, deciding on a what to make, and cutting wood. Bring a pencil and tape measure. Workshops will be held on the First Saturday of the month, after the January meeting.

2nd Annual Photo Contest

Second Annual 4-H "Learn by Doing" photo contest deadline: May 1, 2007

Get out your cameras and start clicking! Thanks to everyone who helped get the 4-H photo contest off the ground last year. The entries (with photographer permission) have already helped tell the story of 4-H to the public in posters, newspaper articles, Web pages and publications. In the first contest, youth submitted photos that captured the "learn by doing" spirit by showing 4-H'ers doing everything from feeding livestock to sewing quilts, making cinnamon rolls. But there are hundreds of projects and other 4-H activities to show off. We'd love to see more entries that catch kids involved in 4-H activities, especially with a teen or adult mentor. Youth can enter photos from 4-H photography projects as long as they adhere to the contest rules. But any young person under 18 can enter even if they are not in 4-H, as long as their photo depicts a 4-H youth "learning by doing." Because we would like to publish the winners and retain entries to help promote Montana 4-H, we ask photographers to provide model releases from people pictured. For complete rules contact the Gallatin County Extension Office at 388-3213 or 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (Located in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2, downstairs).

In Search of Volunteer Leaders

If you could spare a few hours monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or just a couple times yearly, call us at 388-3213 and we'll show you how to get started. Looking for leaders in the following areas: Small engines, Entomology, or many other areas.

4-H Legislative Breakfast Planned

The Montanans for 4-H are again holding the 4-H Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. As is the past, Gallatin County will send a small delegation of 4-H members and leaders to host our area legislators during the breakfast. We will share a table with them and discuss 4-H in our county until the overall program begins. Often times, legislators will offer a tour after breakfast and will lead our group through the capitol. If you're interested in being a part of our delegation, please contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 and we'll put you on the list.

International Travel

Outbound applications for international travel are due January 1, 2007 (Australia), January 15, 2007 (Finland) and February 15, 2007 (Japan). Chaperone applications are due at the same time as the delegate applications listed above. All programs require two letters of reference and a personal interview. Funding assistance is available from the Montana 4-H Foundation. Travel dates are: Finland - June 15-July 16, Australia - June 20-July 19, Japan (Nihongo) June 14-August 9, Japan (regular 4-week exchange) July 11-August 9. Applications are available on the web at www.montanah4h.org or by contacting Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502.

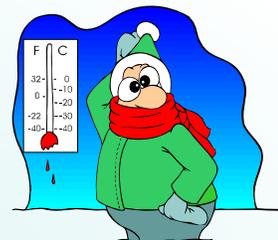


Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for you meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2007.

WILD WEST WINTERFEST

Experience the West
February 16 – 18, 2007
(Presidents' Day Weekend)



Admission*

\$4 Single Day

\$9 Three-Day Pass

***Special ticketed events will include admission to the WinterFest.**

Events being planned for the 2007 Wild West WinterFest:

Ag in the Classroom ~ All Breed Horse Sale ~ All Star Dog Expo ~ Battle of the Breeds ~
~ Bob Munden - "The Fastest Man with a Gun Who Ever Lived" ~
~ Bootleggers' Ball with "Nite Ride" ~ Brandon Cash - "A Tribute to Johnny Cash" ~
~ Children's Art Show ~ Chili Cookoff ~ Commercial Exhibitors' Booths - "Frontier Mercantile" ~ Dog
Conformation & Pet Tricks ~ Dog Keg Pull ~ Elk Bugling Contest ~ Hay Show ~ Hockey Tournament ~
~ Kids Activities ~ Miniature Bull Riding ~ Old McLien's Farm Barn ~ Packers' Scramble ~ Parade of
Stallions ~ Photography Show ~ Quilt Show ~ Free Style Ski Show & Rail Jam ~ Tack Swap Sale &
Auction ~ Vigilante Dinner Theater presenting "Chapeau" ~ Whiskey Tasting ~ Working Horse &
Driver Competition ~ Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show

& as always there will be plenty of food at the food vendor booths, music and other western
entertainment and fun things to buy at the commercial exhibitor booths!

Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show

The Gallatin County 4-H Rabbit and Poultry project kids are hosting their annual Youth "Sweetheart Fur and Feathers Show" and Animal & Supply Auction at the Gallatin County Fairground's Wild West WinterFest on Saturday, February 17, 2007. The poultry and rabbit shows will run concurrently beginning at 9 am. We will stop in the morning and do the live auction of quality show and/or breeding stock. Anyone looking for a good quality rabbit or bird for their project or even a cage to house or carry the animal is welcome. Prices are usually very reasonable. Anyone who wants to put items in the auction is welcome. We limit the amount of animals to two per member. If you want to sell more animals just put a sign on your cages up in the viewing area. Please give us a list of your auction items when you turn in your registration. There also will be a raffle of supplies and crafts related to rabbits and chickens. The raffle drawing will be at 3:00 pm. At noon we will take a short break and then continue the judging. At 2 pm we will begin poultry showmanship. Classes will be divided according to age. Anyone wanting to learn how to show a bird can ask a local 4-Her for pointers before the showmanship classes start. At 3 pm there will be a rabbit derby where we race rabbits. We have a special box/tunnel and blow through straws to make the bunnies move. There will be extra bunnies for people to borrow so they can join in the fun.

Come join us for a day of fun!!

Rabbit Questions:

Brenda Townsend 284-6434
Kelly Phipps 599-1454 or
cksrabbity@bresnan.net

Poultry Questions:

Sandra Fiegi 388-6906
Betsy Heckel 388-7578 or
betsyheckel@aol.com

Deadline for Entries is February 1, 2007.

As a friendly reminder, all exhibitors over the age of 10 are required to have a Wild West WinterFest Admission Ticket. Advanced sale admission tickets will be available for \$4 for a one-day ticket or \$9 for a 3-day ticket at the Fairgrounds Office anytime before February 17.

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Teens 14 years old and older are invited to attend a statewide citizenship event in Helena on March 4-6, 2007. The Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will showcase state government in action. Each delegate is expected to sponsor a potential "bill" suitable for the "4-H legislature" to act upon. Registration forms are due on February 1st and the cost is \$55. Contact the 4-H office for complete details and ask about scholarships. Applications are due January 16.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Teens 15 years old are invited to participate in an event that past delegates have found to be the highlight of their 4-H experience. Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program in Washington D.C. where delegates get a chance to look behind the scenes in our nation's capitol, meet senators and representatives, listen to motivational speakers, attend workshops to learn the governmental process, and increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The event is held June 10-16 and cost is \$1,500. Some financial assistance is available. A registration form and event guide is available at www.montana4h.org and the deadline to apply is February 1st.

4-H & FFA KMON Judging Contest:

Livestock, Meats, Crops, Career Development, Beef Ambassador Contests
January 19-20, 2007 at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls

Meats Contest: This will be the State contest for FFA & 4-H. 4-H team members must be 14 by October 1, 2006 to qualify as the state team and trip to Western Regional Roundup. Awards are trophies, plaques and \$100 to the top individual. Contact our office at 582-3280 for registration information. Registration due January 12th.

Friday Night Fun 4-H and FFA Dance January 19th, 2007, 9:00 pm-12:00 am at the Hampton Inn, 2301 14th Street Southwest, Admission \$4.00 per person. Sponsored by: KMON, Hampton Inn, Conrad FFA Alumni.

Montana Winter Fair - Lewistown

The Winter Fair will be held on **January 25-28** at the Fergus County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. 4-H members can enter the Heifer Pen Show, All Breeds Heifer Show, Livestock Judging, Beef Showmanship, Photography, Quilting and Knitting projects, and Food related entries. For entry forms and contact information go to <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/>. All livestock intent to show entries must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, January 21, 2007.

2007 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show

The 2007 MontanaFair will be held in Billings on **August 11-19**. Entry deadline for the 2007 Montana Fair must be received by July 6, 2007 by 5:00 pm. Any 4-H member wanting to enter a livestock animal must have that animal ear tagged in Billings on the following dates.

Beef Tagging – January 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the PAYS arena

Animal Quality Assurance Training – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sheep/Swine Tagging – June 2, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at PAYS arena

Animal Quality Assurance Training – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Exhibitor must decide which two animals per species will be weighed and exhibited. Only one animal can be sold. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can not be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock show. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the tagging date, please contact Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (256-2828). For further details, call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213.

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
December 12, 2006
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 pm by Vice-President, Kelley Phipps.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Chris Phipps, Kelley Phipps, Betsy Heckel, Naomi Woienski, Todd Kesner, and Leia Miller. Guests present were Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Betsy moved, seconded by Chris, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Naomi moved, seconded by Betsy, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMITTEE AND LEADER REPORTS:

- Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum: The Forum was a huge success. Special thanks to Todd, Betsy, Dana, and everyone on the committee.
- Manhattan Tate Gems Community Service Project: The Manhattan Tater Gems made wreaths and distributed them to the Century Village residents.
- Christmas Tree Globes: Betsy brought pictures her father took and the tree and the globes look great! It was suggested we bring those pictures to the Legislative Breakfast to show our Legislatures. Betsy will see what she can do to help us with that.
- Montana 4-H Rec Lab: This is a three day instructional event for persons 14 years of age and older. This year Gallatin County will host the event on April 20-22, 2007. The registration fee is \$75.00 and includes lodging, meals, and registration.
- Bar J Wranglers: **This even will be held at Wilson Auditorium on January 13, 2007. Doors open at 6:15pm with the concert starting at 7:00pm. Tickets are on sale at Corral West in Bozeman, and Lee and Dad's IGA in Belgrade. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Clubs can purchase these tickets at the 4-H Office prepaid for \$12.00 and then resell them at \$15.00, and keep the \$3.00 profit to put back into their club. Sponsors are coming in and advertisements and printing have been donated.**
- Leader's Social/Party: There was a wonderful turnout with a high kid to leader ratio. Todd, Kathy, Ginny, and Kelley help present the material, with Randi being a guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Unlimited Representative to serve on Gallatin 4-H Foundation Board: Nominations include Kelley for the Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Representative, and Betsy for the 4-H Leader Representative. This will be table until the January 2007 meeting as there were not enough members present for a quorum.
- After School Program: Betsy brought up the After School Program and lack thereof. Everything was set up, and then shot down by the school Superintendent. It was suggested we try again and take a different approach.
- Swine Project: The need to coordinate the swine project with other livestock committees was discussed. Issues needing to be resolved are barn space at fair and traffic flow issues. It was decided we would check into this further in January.
- Dunk Tank at Fair: Chris suggested we bring a dunk tank to fair. It was suggested we could set it up in the 4-H park. This issue will be looked into further at the January meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- December 31, 2006 ~ Gallatin 4-H Grant Application Deadline
- January 08, 2007 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- January 09, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- January 25, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Foundation Winter Meeting

ADJOURNED: Naomi moved, seconded by Betsy that we adjourn at 7:43 pm. Motion carried.

Secretary: Leah Miller/klp

Gallatin County 4-H
Presents
The Bar J Wranglers
In Concert
From Jackson Hole, Wyoming



Saturday, January 13, 2007
Willson Auditorium
Bozeman, Montana
7:00 P.M. Doors open 6:15 P.M.

Tickets:

\$15.00 in advance
\$20.00 at the door

Ticket outlets:

Lee & Dads IGA – Belgrade
Corral West Ranchwear – Bozeman



Proceeds to benefit Gallatin County 4-H

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4-Hers Wanted for Movie Making Project

The MSU Department of Media and Theater Arts is seeking 4-H members interested in a movie-making project funded by the National Science Foundation. 4-H members must fall within two age groups, 10-13 or 13-16, and have an interest in making a fun film in the world of science. Some great ideas are already circulating around MSU.

Once a group of 4-Hers has formed, MSU graduate students will come out for a face-to-face training workshop in late January or early February. Next, crews of kids (2-3 youth) would have 4-5 weeks to create their film, and then there would be a wrap up workshop at the end. Each week a new module would be released via the web to help the kids create their film. Modules will provide both science-related support and film making supports. There will also be opportunities to "chat" with the graduate students for technical assistance and advice.

If this sounds like fun, call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 and sign up. Your film could be as creative and entertaining as you make it! No experience required, but space is limited.

Fairground News – Design a Button Contest

Design the fair button for this years fair and win \$100. The theme for the July 2007 fair is “**Summer Days & Country Ways**”. The design must be circular, 2.25” in diameter and contain the following phrases: Gallatin County Fair; “Summer Days & Country Ways”; July 18-22, 2007. Submit entries in color (maximum use of 4 colors) black & white are colors too. Include your name, address and phone # on the back of your button entry. Participants will receive a free fair button just for entering. You may enter numerous designs but will receive only 1 free fair button. The deadline to have your design into the Fair Office at 901 North Black is January 8th. Flyers with complete rules of the contest available at the Fairgrounds or call the 582-3270 with your questions.